

Q2 10. (Amended) The polishing composition of claim 9 wherein the aluminum oxide [aluminum oxide] has a crystalline structure of γ - Al_2O_3 .

Q3 15. (Amended) The polishing composition of claim 9 further comprising abrasive particles comprising [a composition selected from the group consisting of] silicon carbide, metal oxides other than aluminum oxide, metal sulfides [and] or metal carbides.

Q4 19. (Amended) A collection of particles comprising aluminum oxide, the collection of particles having an average diameter from about 5 nm to about 500 nm and a distribution of particle sizes such that at least about 95 percent of the particles have a diameter greater than about 40 percent of the average diameter and less than about 160 percent of the average diameter.

Please add the following new claims.

Q5 21. The collection of particles of claim 19 wherein the collection of particles have a distribution of particle sizes such that at least about 99 percent of the particles have a diameter greater than about 40 percent of the average diameter and less than about 160 percent of the average diameter.

22. The collection of particles of claim 19 wherein the collection of particles have a distribution of particle sizes such that at least about 95 percent of the particles have a diameter greater than about 60 percent of the average diameter and less than about 140 percent of the average diameter.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-22 remain for consideration. Claim 4 is canceled without prejudice. Applicants have amended claim 1 to more distinctly claim their invention. The amendments to claim 1 are supported by the specification, for example, at page 20, lines 29-33 and page 21, lines 3-7. Claims 1, 10, 15, and 19 have been amended to correct minor language issue. New claims 21 and 22 are supported by the specification, for example, at page 20, lines 16-28. No new matter is introduced by the amendments to the claims or